GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:62
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STEPS TO CHECK MILITANCY IN NORTH EAST REGION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to bring about peace with various militant out-fits operating in Assam and other States in the North East, including cease fire and truce;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in pursuance thereof and to bring the misguided youth to the national mainstream?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 62 FOR 26TH FEBRUARY, 2008.

(a) to (c): Efforts of the State Governments, who are primarily responsible for ensuring public order and security in there areas, are being supplemented by the Central Government through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities with the objective of carrying out intensive counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable instructions and installations based on threat assessments; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including construction of border fencing; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspect of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the State for raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc. The Central Government is maintaining close and continuous coordination with the States review the situation and taking further steps as may be necessary on a continuing basis.
The combined efforts of the Central Government and North Eastern States have resulted in stabilization of the overall security situation in the North Eastern States. In addition a number of groups viz. Government is having Ceasefire with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (I/M) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K) and Suspension of Operations (SoO) arrangements with United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Dagoh (DHD), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) have entered into Ceasefire/Suspension of Operations arrangements. The relentless Counter Insurgency Operations by the security forces have resulted in neutralizing a large number of militants − 2459 in 2005, 3231 in 2006 and 2875 in 2007. This includes 2509 militants (555 in 2005, 1430 in 2006 and 524 in 2007) who have surrendered and joined the mainstream. In addition with the improvement in the security situation, it has been possible for the State Government and the Central agencies to make progress in some of the development works in areas of Road and Rail network.